



## 1.1 Introduction to Algebra

### Need To Know



- What are Algebraic Expressions?
- Translating
  - Expressions
  - Equations



## What is Algebra?

They say the only thing that stays the same is change. Our physical world is always changing and varying. In order to understand, interpret and predict the physical world we need a math way to express variability – Algebra.

Algebra revolutionized the way we interact with the world.

Algebra is the power to translate the real world into mathematics.

This course will give the skills to exercise and understand this power.



## Expressions

### **Definitions:**

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a letter used to represent a number that can change or that is unknown.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is another name for a number.

An \_\_\_\_\_ is a math statement with variables and/or numbers, often with operations signs and grouping symbols.

Examples:  $w + 10$ ,  $\frac{z}{9}$ ,  $2y(a + 3)$ ,  $5$ ,  $x$



## Evaluate the Expression

Evaluate means find the value.

Evaluate the expressions below:

$$13 - z \text{ when } z = 6$$

$$\frac{5z}{y} \text{ when } z = 9 \text{ and } y = 15$$



## Translation

2 more than Bill's age.

$a + b$	Add, sum of, plus, more than, increased by
$a - b$	Subtract, difference, minus, less than, decreased by
$ab$ , $a \cdot b$ $a(b)$	Multiply, product times, twice, of
$a \div b$ $a/b$ $\frac{a}{b}$	Divide, quotient, ratio of, per

4 less than d.

The sum of 7 and twice n

83% of the possible pts.



## Equations

### Definitions:

An \_\_\_\_\_ is a math sentence that sets

\_\_\_\_\_.

### Examples:

$$2 + 7 = 9$$

$$5(4) = 10$$

$$x - 3 = 9$$



# Equations

## Definitions:

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a number for the variable that makes the equation \_\_\_\_\_.

## Examples:

Is 7 a solution to  $94/y = 12$ ?

## Translate:

15% of all waste is recycled. This is the same as 47 million tons of recycled material. What's the total waste generated?

end



# 1.2 The Laws of Algebra

## Need To Know

- Some of the Laws of Algebra
  - Commutative
  - Associative
  - Distributive



# Commutative Law

## Commutative Law of **Addition**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Changing \_\_\_\_\_ in addition is still equivalent.

## Commutative Law of **Multiplication**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Changing **order** in multiplication \_\_\_\_\_.



## Associative Law

### Associative Law of **Addition**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Changing \_\_\_\_\_ in addition is still equivalent.

### Associative Law of **Multiplication**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Changing **groups** in multiplication \_\_\_\_\_



## Distributive Law

### Distributive Law

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Multiplication distributes across addition

### Examples



## Check for Understanding

Match the statement to its corresponding Law

#### Math Statement

$$x(9w) = (x9)w$$

$$x + 9 + w = 9 + x + w$$

$$4(a - 5) = 4a - 20$$

#### Laws

Commutative

Associative

Distributive



## Check for Understanding

Identify which law(s) correspond to each statement

1.  $t + (3 + w) = (3 + w) + t$

2.  $(7 + y) + x = 7 + (x + y)$



## Distributive Law – in reverse

### Definition:

Factoring or factor (verb) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (noun) parts in a multiplication  
\_\_\_\_\_ parts of an expression separated by + or –

The Distributive Law backwards:  $ab + ac = a(b + c)$

Examples: Factor each expression.

$5y + 5z$

$9 + 9x$

$14a + 56b + 7$

end



## 1.3 Fractions

### Need To Know

- Prime Factoring
- Operations on Fractions
  - Simplify (Reduce)
  - Multiply
  - Divide
  - Add
  - Subtract





## Vocabulary

Definitions:

Prime numbers – are numbers that can only be factored by one and itself.

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Prime factoring - means to write a number as a product of only prime numbers.



## Prime Factoring

Prime factor 48

Prime factor 180



## Reducing Fractions

Reduce  $\frac{9}{21}$

Reduce  $\frac{210}{98}$



## Multiplication of Fractions

Simplify each expression

$$\frac{6}{5} \left( \frac{2}{7} \right)$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{x}$$

$$\frac{9}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3}$$

Recall fraction multiplication

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$



## Division of Fractions

Recall – Division of fractions is \_\_\_\_\_

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c}$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{7}{9} \div \left( \frac{1}{6} \right)$$

$$15 \div \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$$



## Add and Subtract Fractions

Recall the method to add fractions

Recall the method to subtract fractions



## Renaming Fractions

Recall how to use the \_\_\_\_\_ to rename fractions.

$$\frac{9}{16} = \frac{\quad}{48}$$

$$\frac{19}{42} = \frac{\quad}{210}$$



## Least Common Denominator

Definition –

The least common denominator (LCD) is the \_\_\_\_\_

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Ways to find the LCD –

- 1) Use intuition
- 2) Use the prime factoring method

Find the LCD

$$\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}$$



## How to find the LCD

Find the LCD for

1) 12 and 18

2) 60 and 42

### Steps to find LCD

0. \_\_\_\_\_ OR
1. Prime \_\_\_\_\_ each denominator
2. Create a product
  - using \_\_\_\_\_ kind of factor
  - raised to the

\_\_\_\_\_ that occurs in any one factoring





## Add and Subtract Fractions

Recall how to add fraction

$$\frac{5}{7} + \frac{5}{21}$$

### How to add or fraction

Find the LCD

Rename each fraction  
(use the "fancy one")

Add numerators

Reduce



## Practice

Simplify:

$$\frac{7}{8} - \frac{5}{10}$$

### ■ How to + or - fraction

1. Find the LCD
2. Rename (use the "fancy one")
3. Add numerators
4. Reduce

Simplify:

$$3 - \frac{3}{5}$$

end



## 1.4 Subsets of Real Numbers

### Need To Know

- Subsets of the Real Numbers
- Comparisons Symbols
- Absolute Value



# Number Sets

Numbers are all \_\_\_\_\_ Numbers.

Irrational Numbers are the numbers that aren't Rational.

Numbers are the \_\_\_\_\_.

(numbers of the form  $a/b$  where  $b$  is not zero)

\_\_\_\_\_ are the numbers = { \_\_\_\_\_ }

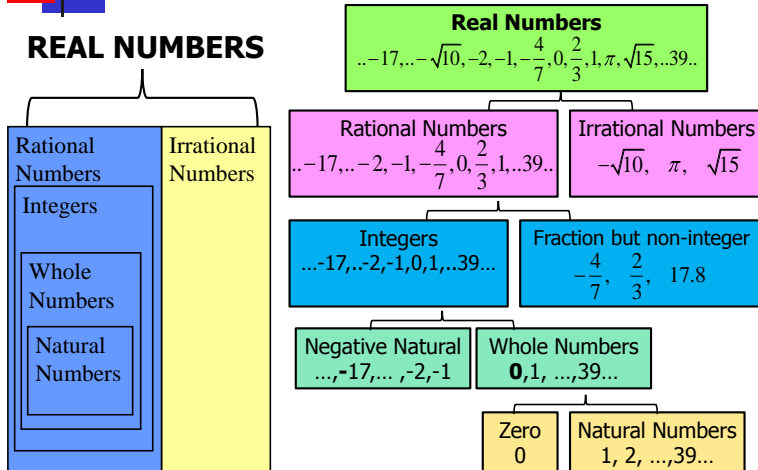
Negative Natural Numbers + Whole Numbers

Numbers are the numbers = { \_\_\_\_\_ }

{0} + Natural Numbers

Numbers are the numbers = { \_\_\_\_\_ }

## Number Sets – Two Diagrams



## Check for Understanding

$\{-5, -0.25, 0, 1, \pi, \frac{2}{7}, \sqrt{2}, 0.33\bar{3}, 5\}$  Categorize and list the numbers from the set to each set below.

Natural Numbers  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ }

Rational Numbers  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ }

Whole Numbers  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ }

Irrational Numbers  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ }

Integers  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ }

Real Numbers  
 { \_\_\_\_\_ }

## Comparison Symbols

True or False

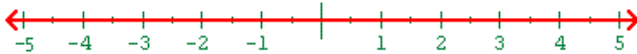
$$4 \leq -4$$

$$-4 \leq 3$$

$$-4 \leq -4$$

$a = b$	a is equal to b
$a \neq b$	a is not equal to b
$a < b$	a is less than b
$a \leq b$	a is less than <b>OR</b> equal to b
$a > b$	a is greater than b
$a \geq b$	a is greater than <b>OR</b> equal to b

## Number Line



### Key Vocabulary

**Positive Numbers** – Numbers to the right of zero.

**Negative Numbers** – Numbers to the left of zero.

**Opposite** of a number is on the other side of zero.

**Points** on the number line correspond to real numbers.

All of the points represent all of the Real Numbers.

**Absolute Value** – \_\_\_\_\_

## Inequality Comparisons

If a number is further **left** on the number line,  
it is **less** than ( $<$ ).

If a number is further **right** on the number line,  
it is **greater** than ( $>$ ).

Examples: Fill in the blank with  $<$  or  $>$ .

$$-7 \underline{\quad} 3 \quad -\frac{1}{4} \underline{\quad} -\frac{3}{4} \quad |-8| \underline{\quad} |-5|$$

end



## 1.5 Addition of Real Numbers

### Need To Know



- Two models for addition
- Rules to add signed numbers
- Simplifying Expressions
- Translation



## Two Models for Addition

### About Addition

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ for adding signed numbers.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ for adding signed numbers.

Why do we have to look at two models?

- Developing intelligence requires the ability to see things from more than one perspective.
- These models help us generalize the rules of adding.
- In order to really grasp a mathematical concept you need to understand it numerically, analytically and graphically.



## Adding Signed Numbers

### Financial Model

- \_\_\_\_\_ **numbers** correspond to \_\_\_\_\_ or credits to your account.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **numbers** correspond to \_\_\_\_\_ or debits from your account.

Deposit + Deposit =

Debt + Debt =

Deposit + Debt =

Debt + Deposit =

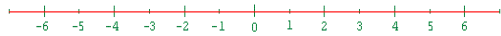


## Adding Signed Numbers


### Vector Model (Adding with the Number Line)

- **Vectors** are graphs of arrows with length and direction.
- **Positive numbers** are arrows to the right.
- **Negative numbers** are arrows to the left.

### Examples



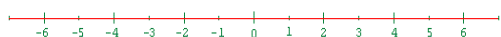
1)  $2 + 5$



2)  $(-3) + (-1)$



3)  $(-5) + 2$



4)  $4 + (-6)$



## Adding Signed Numbers-Rules

### Rules for Adding

1) If the signs are the \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ values and \_\_\_\_\_ the sign.

2) If the signs are the \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ values and keep the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the value.

### Examples

1)  $4 + 3$

2)  $(-2) + (-6)$

3)  $(-5) + 2$

4)  $8 + (-5)$



## Adding Like Terms

- \_\_\_\_\_ are parts of an expression \_\_\_\_\_  
They may be numbers and/or variables often combined with multiplication or division.
- **Numerical Coefficient** is the number factor of a term.
- **Like Terms** are terms with the exact same variable factors.

The Distributive Law helps us simplify expressions:

$$4x + 9x$$

Adding Like Terms is as simple as adding coefficients.

$$-11b + 5b$$

$$2x + (-5y) + (-5x) + (-9y)$$

$$8 + a + (-5.5a) + 7$$



## Translation and Practice

Write the expression in mathematics and simplify.  
The sum of  $-5$  and  $-11$  increased by  $4$ .

Simplify the following expression.  
 $[18 + (-5)] + [9 + (-10)]$



## 1.6 Subtracting Signed Numbers

### Need To Know



- Opposites
- Idea of Subtraction
- Rule for Subtraction
- Translation



## Opposites

Definition:

The opposite of a number "a" is written \_\_\_\_\_.

Recall: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: Find  $-x$  and  $-(-x)$  when  $x = 3$ .

The Law of Opposites

$$a + (-a) = 0$$

## Idea of Subtraction

Goal: To make a model for distance and to make the rule of subtraction understandable.

- (1) Problem: If a football team makes a play from the 33 yard line to the 39 yard line, how much distance did the team gain.



## Idea of Subtraction

Goal: To make a model for distance and to make the rule of subtraction understandable

- (2) Problem: The team punts the football from 2 yards behind the goal line. The ball stops on the 50 yard line. How many yards did the ball travel?



## Rule For Subtraction

Rule for subtracting signed numbers

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the same as \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_

Examples: Change each to addition

$$3 - 4$$

$$3 - (-4)$$

$$-3 - 4$$

$$-3 - (-4)$$



## Subtraction of Signed Numbers

Write each as an addition problem and then simplify your answer.

$$11 - 5$$

$$11 - (-5)$$

$$-11 - 5$$

$$-11 - (-5)$$



## Subtraction Practice

Simplify

$$3 - 4 - 5$$

Simplify

$$-9x + 5 - 3x$$

$$24 - (-12) + 7 - 15$$

$$-5 + 3b - 7 - 5b$$



## Translation

Difference, decreased, take away, reduced, less and **from** are all key words for subtraction.

Examples: Translate into mathematics and use the rule of subtraction to simplify.

Subtract 5 from 8.

Find the difference of 4 and  $-7$ .





## 1.7 Mult. & Div. of Real Numbers

### Need To Know



- Multiplication of Signed Numbers
- Division of Signed Numbers
  - Apply to: Integers, Decimals and Fractions



## Sign Patterns in Multiplication

Look at these multiplication problems and draw conclusions about sign results.

$(3)(2) =$	$3(-2) =$
$(3)(1) =$	$2(-2) =$
$(3)(0) =$	$1(-2) =$
$(3)(-1) =$	$0(-2) =$
$(3)(-2) =$	$-1(-2) =$



## Practice - Multiplication

Summary of sign pattern for multiplication

$(+)(+) = +$	$(+)(-) = -$
$(-)(-) = +$	$(-)(+) = -$

Simplify each expression

$(-4)(-8)(-1)$	$(-3)(-5)(-2)(-1)$
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The product of an odd # of negatives is \_\_\_\_\_

The product of an even # of negatives is \_\_\_\_\_



## Practice - Multiplication

Simplify each expression

$$-9\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$-\frac{6}{5}\left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)$$

Recall fraction multiplication

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$



## Division w/ Signs and Fractions

Since  $a \div b = a \cdot \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a}{b}$  ,

the sign rules for DIVISION  
are the same  
as for MULTIPLY.

$$\begin{aligned} (+) \div (+) &= \\ (-) \div (-) &= \\ (+) \div (-) &= \\ (-) \div (+) &= \end{aligned}$$

### Fraction Facts

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Top} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \text{Bottom} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{0}{5} \qquad \frac{5}{0}$$



## Division of Fractions

Recall – Division of fractions is the same  
as multiplication by the reciprocal.

$$\frac{\mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{b}} \div \frac{\mathbf{c}}{\mathbf{d}} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{c}}$$

$$-\frac{7}{9} \div \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

$$-15 \div \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$$



## 1.8 Exponents and Order of Op.

### Need To Know



- Exponents
- Order of Operations
- Simplifying Expressions



## Exponents

Exponents mean repeated multiplication \_\_\_\_

Notation:  $4^3$

Examples:

$$5^4$$

$$(2x)^5$$

$$(-7)^2$$

$$-7^2$$



## Practice - Order of Operation

### **Order of Operations –**

Always work left to right

1. Evaluate

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Evaluate

\_\_\_\_\_

in order \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Evaluate

\_\_\_\_\_

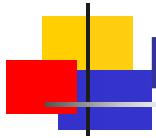
in order \_\_\_\_\_.

Simplify:

$$20 \div 5 + 15$$

$$8 \div 2 \cdot 4$$

$$12 \div (-3 - 5)$$



## Practice - Order of Operation

### **Order of Operations –**

Always work left to right

1. Evaluate grouped expressions.
2. Evaluate exponents.
3. Evaluate multiplication or division in order left to right.
4. Evaluate addition or subtraction in order left to right.

Simplify:

$$-2(6-10) - 3|5-8|$$



## Practice - Order of Operation

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Simplify:

$$-2 \cdot 5^2 + 3 \cdot 2^3 \div (-1)^4$$



## Practice - Order of Operation

### **Order of Operations –**

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Simplify:

$$\frac{6(-2) + 5(-3)}{5(4) - 11}$$



## Simplifying Expressions

Recall:  $-1(a) = -a$ , and that opposite and negative are synonymous  
What is  $-(a + b) =$

Examples:

$$-(7z + 6)$$

$$-(13y - 5x + 8)$$

$$-(-8x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x)$$



## Simplifying Expressions

Examples:

$$7y - (2y + 9)$$

$$9t - 5r - 2(3r + 6t)$$

$$8n^2 + n - 7(n + 2n^2)$$